

## Industries of France Crippled By Ruhr Rising

Cessation of Coal Shipments, Added to Fall in Value of the Franc, Creates Serious Situation

Relief in Treaty Seen

Government Names Economic Board to Reach Terms With Germany

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PARIS, March 25.—French industry has been crippled by the cutting off of coal supplies from the Ruhr district in Germany. The 20 per cent depreciation of the franc in the last few days, the disappointment caused by the failure of the national loan just closed to be a striking success—subscriptions amounting to only about 17,000,000,000 francs—the bankruptcy of Germany and her inability to pay indemnities, and, on top of all, the cessation of coal shipments from the Rhine Valley because of Spartacist activities have brought about a very serious situation in France. Industries are literally starving. Despite these pressing difficulties, however, France's statesmen insist the nation will be able to face the future if the conditions of the treaty are fulfilled.

Official figures place the amount of coal France must have from the Ruhr district at about 2,000,000 tons monthly; this is that district's contribution to the 65,000,000 tons required by France annually.

Need 25,000,000 Tons from Ruhr

Despite all extra quantities French negotiators now in London have succeeded in obtaining from England and elsewhere, French industry needs 25,000,000 tons annually from the Ruhr district. It is officially declared that the coal derived from the Saar Basin is no more than is necessary to supply Alsace and additional territory gained by France as a result of the war.

The Spartacist occupation of the Ruhr Valley is the most pressing of France's problems. She may unofficially have nothing against the Spartacists themselves, but the Ebert government cannot guarantee coal deliveries under the treaty so long as France is unwilling either to intervene herself, failing of intervention by the Allies, or to allow the German government troops to take possession of the Ruhr.

Under these conditions it is expected that the Allies will agree to the German request for permission to fight the Spartacists. In return the Germans will first guarantee to evacuate the country within a given time; second, they will submit to some kind of Allied control, and, third, they will give a unilateral guaranty which will be forfeited in case they fail to carry out the conditions.

Foch to Determine Guaranties

It is believed that Foch will settle the exact nature of the guaranties. German military envoys who have reached Paris, declare the German government has massed enormous forces. On the other hand, the probability of a peaceful settlement remains open between Berlin and the Spartacists.

Cautious questions between France and Germany are now under discussion by the joint Franco-German commission. Recent events appear to have given rise to sharp differences of opinion between France and Britain, which have been reflected in the French press. The "Temps" this evening says:

"We must reestablish a union between the Allies, for despite ourselves we have been compromised. Just because an alliance between France and England is vital to both countries we do not understand why British agents often oppose France's legitimate interests in Turkish, Russian and German questions."

The French government has just appointed M. Seydoux, of the Foreign Office, M. Serrais, of the Ministry of Commerce, and M. Bulle, Director of the Customs and Duties Administration, members of a commission charged with the elaboration of an economic accord with Germany. Dr. Goepfert, president of the German peace delegation here, will act for Germany.

Continual complaints have been made in French circles that Germany was violating the terms of the peace treaty by discriminating against French buyers in the sale of goods for exportation, selling the same articles to Swiss buyers at half the price charged French customers. This is considered here to be a violation of the provision of the treaty prohibiting discrimination in economic relations.

## Turks Get Tartars to Kill 17,000 Armenians

Massacres Since Armistice Laid to Failure to Define Azerbaijan Boundaries

LONDON, March 25.—Tartars recently massacred 17,000 Armenians within the boundaries of the new Armenian state at the instigation of the Young Turks at the Azerbaijan government, according to Archbishop Kholin, an Armenian from Erivan, who has arrived in London to confer on behalf of the Armenian Republic with Allied authorities regarding the situation in Armenia.

Three thousand persons are being herded in Tartar villages, and portions of the Armenian frontier are being held by the Tartars, according to the Archbishop. He says that in December the Tartars murdered 14,000 Armenians at Akoulis, in Azerbaijan, on the pretext that Tartars had been massacred in Armenian territory. The Archbishop said also that many massacres since the armistice were declared to have been due to the fact that the frontiers between Armenia and Azerbaijan were not clearly defined.

## Socialists Renew Attacks

Government Severely Arraigned in Italian Chamber of Deputies

ROME, March 25.—The Chamber of Deputies was again the scene to-day of severe attacks on the government's policy—nationalist acquisition, unproductive colonies and wasteful expenditure—by radical Socialist members. The Socialist Graziadei declared that the public debt amounted to 160,000,000,000 lire and that the budget deficit would reach 10,000,000,000 lire, and, despite this deplorable situation, the budget for the coming year was higher than ever.

Attacks were also made against the government policy with respect to Fiume.

## Cadorna Writes History: May Hold Until His Death

ROME, March 25.—Lieutenant General Count Cadorna, former commander-in-chief of the Italian army, in an interview to-day said he had written a history of the war, but that he had not decided whether to publish it before his death or to leave it for his heirs. He added that he was considering a title for the history. Five titles were available, but as yet he had not decided which one of these would be chosen.



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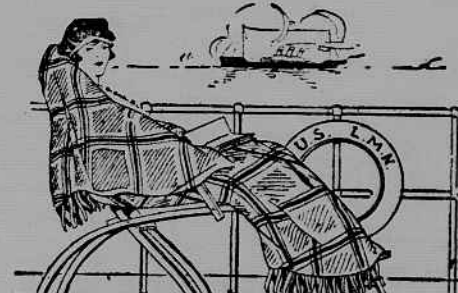
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